

2nd Informal Progress Report to PCC Policy Committee,
for its Nov 2-3, 2017 meeting
DRAFT of October 25, 2017

The [PCC Task Group on Identity Management in NACO](#) established a regular pattern of twice-monthly conference calls, with one in-person meeting at each ALA.

In its assessment of possible models for more library participation in ISNI, the task group considered the proposed PCC umbrella membership in ISNI, its potential benefits and how it could operate. For both models, the TG recorded and discussed a list of “Considerations.” Three of the institutions represented in the task group’s members joined the one-year PCC ISNI Pilot that launched in July.

In February, we set out to systematically identify what issues will arise, and need to be addressed/resolved, if identity management is adopted as the primary focus by NACO members.

In April, Stephen Hearn wrote a discussion paper “Authorized Access Points and Identity Management” (nicknamed the “Cracking the Nut” paper), focused on how the current discovery environment essentially requires a paradigm shift, away from unique access point strings and toward name forms and associated identifying information tied to unique identifiers.

In June, we invited Jean Godby and Diane Vizine-Goetz, from OCLC’s Office of Research, to talk with us about minimal data elements for authorities. This led to our expanding our task group membership to include them both.

In September, the task group received a supplemental charge inviting thoughts that could inform the drafting of the new strategic directions document. We submitted our [response](#) in mid-October. The paper serves as an interim report on the task group’s work.

After tackling the fourth item of the Task Group’s [original charge](#) (“Investigate and lead PCC discussion on issues regarding the differences between authority control and identity management.”) by developing definitions and use cases, TG members took to heart the desirable educational role it could play in the community by actively looking for opportunities to make presentations and submitting proposals. In the year since our previous informal report, we were responsible for these events:

Date	Place	Event	Presentation	TG members	Link to
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June 6, 2016	New York	Columbia Metadata Group presentation	“The Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) and Linked Data”	Amber	
Jan. 22, 2017	Atlanta	ALA Midwinter Authority Control IG mtg	“‘Authority Control’ see (also) ‘Identity Management’”	John, Violeta	http://connect.ala.org/files/Riemer2017.pptx
June 23, 2017	Chicago	OCLC Research Library Partners Metadata Managers Focus Group	“Beyond the Authorized Access Point?”	Stephen	http://hangingtogether.org/?p=6271
June 24, 2017	Chicago	ALA Annual Cataloging Norms IG mtg	“Identity Management or Authority Control?”	Jennifer	http://connect.ala.org/files/ALA%20AC%202017%20ID%20Management%20or%20AC.pdf
Aug. 2, 2017	New York	VIVO17	“Workshop: Identity Management”	Michelle, Paul, Violeta	http://vivoconference.org/schedule/#session-701
Nov. 14, 2017	New York	NYTSL	“Stringing Us Along: From Traditional Authorities to Identity Management in Library Technical Services”	Amber	http://nytsl.org/nytsl/nytsl-fall-2017-program-stringing-us-along-with-amber-billey/

Dec. 6, 2017	online	ALA ALCTS webinar	“NACO Authority Control, and Identity Management: Evolving Strategies for a Changing Name Authorities Landscape”	Michelle, John	http://www.ala.org/alcts/conferences/upcoming/webinar/120617
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The work of our task group is available for examination at this [Google docs site](#). The content of most interest is likely to be in the Working Documents and Minutes folders.

Please let us know if there are questions, comments or concerns about our work thus far.

--John Riemer